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For: EVAPORATED FUEL PROCESSING APPARATUS FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION
ENGINE AND METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference 1 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language references 1-3 appears in the Appendix attached hereto.
- ☒ 4. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references 1-3 are attached hereto.

- ☒ 5. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 1-2.

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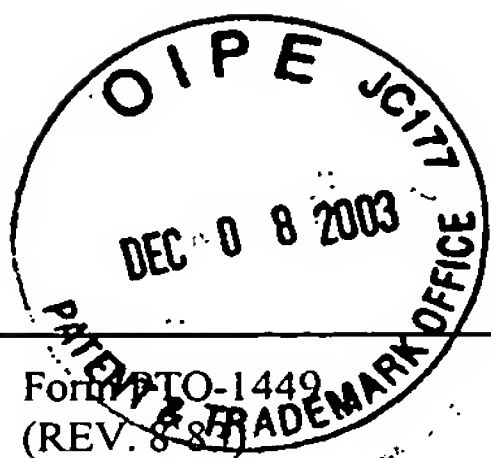
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	1	JP A 6-93932 w/Abstract & Translation	04/05/1994	Japan			
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	3	JP A 1-190955 w/Abstract	08/01/1989	Japan			
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APPENDIX

Publication No.	Filing Date	Publication Date	Comments
JP-A-8-28370	1994/7/14	1996/1/30	Discloses that quantity of the fuel adsorbed in the canister is estimated on the basis of the evaporated fuel concentration, the fuel tank temperature, outside air temperature and the like.
JP-A-6-93932	1992/9/8	1994/4/5	Disclosed in Related Art section in the specification.
JP-A-1-190955	1988/1/25	1989/8/1	Discloses that quantity of the fuel adsorbed in the canister is estimated on the basis of the change in the canister temperature during purging.